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Dear Sir:

In response to the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed on October 6, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired January 6, 2006, and an extended statutory period for response set to expire February 6, 2006, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows. Applicant has elected to present the amendment using the revised amendment format set forth in the waiver of 37 CFR 1.121.

AMENDMENT A

(37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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